

Duxbury Thrift Shop

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When it comes to giving back, no one does it better than the Duxbury Thrift Shop. The Duxbury Thrift Shop, located in the Foodie's Plaza on Depot Street, celebrates its 65th anniversary this year. Founded in 1950 by a small group of Duxbury residents, the Thrift Shop was established as a way to serve Dux

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From the start, the mission was to help graduating seniors go on to higher education and, as a non-profit, the volunteer-run business gives all of its proceeds to Duxbury High School's scholarship fund.

While the shop's focus is on the students, it's the volunteers who truly make the shop stand out.

"We're definitely happy here in Duxbury," long-time volunteer Penny Krahmer said. "The community has always been supportive of us."

Many Thrift Shop volunteers attend awards nights when the scholarship are given to the recipients in order to stay connected with the students and the community.

"Families are very appreciative of our work," Krahmer said. "We've have people come back five, 10 years later and tell volunteers, 'You gave us a scholarship or you gave our relative a scholarship,' and then they will donate something."

The relationship between the Thrift Shop and the guidance department at the high school has always been strong, as the school reciprocates the support by donating lost and found items to the Thrift Shop.

"We're all here to help graduating seniors go to college," Krahmer said. "We want to give them something so they can continue their education."

With the rising cost of higher education, the support from the Thrift Shop is critical for some current college students, who may not have been able attend college without a Thrift Shop scholarship.

While the physical location of the Thrift Shop has changed over the years, the committed, hardworking volunteers have remained the same. As the Thrift Shop continues to succeed and grow, so, too, does the need for more volunteers. "We've always needed volunteers, but we're

more desperate now,” Krahmer said.

Operated on a consignment basis, the Thrift Shop thrives when patrons donate items. This year, the Thrift Shop will give away \$50,000 in scholarships, thanks to donations and support from the public.



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